



Thanksgiving Tributes

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A Tribute to Robert Spelman

By Fiona Spelman

The facts and stories about Robert Spelman in this book are true. The writer of this essay is me, Fiona Spelman. Reading and writing are some of my favorite things to do because when I'm reading I can go on any adventure of my choice, and when writing I can *create* any adventure of my choice. I started reading when I was four years old. My reading started with picture books that had one word per page. Now, I'm reading books with over 800 pages. My first story that I wrote was when I was five years old, and it was less than a page. This is the kind of paper that I write today.

A few weeks ago I had my grandpa over for dinner, and while he was visiting I interviewed him. While interviewing him I learned a lot of things that I would never of thought as interesting. For instance, I learned about the game Kick - The - Can. Learning about this game never struck me as interesting, but now I'm glad that I know all about it. I also learned the definition of sea wall and many other interesting things that only have one thing in common. My grandpa, Robert Spelman with whom I've grown up with is an amazing person. He's lived as close to my family and me as much as he can. He's done a lot for me, and that is why this is a tribute to him, and all that he means to me.

Life for kids today is much different for kids 70 years ago. To begin with, there are many electronics. Also, there is more freedom in choices of clothing. In addition, the teachers at schools have to have a diploma from college declaring that they have been taught the correct way to teach, otherwise they are not allowed to teach. Lastly, there is good communication such as cell phones, E-Mail, and Face-Time. However, life was much different 70 years ago.

Robert Spelman was a child 70 years ago, and life was a lot different for him than it is for children today. To begin with, Robert's school was much different than school is today. For instance, school didn't start until 9:00a.m, and it ended at 3:30p.m. There were no white boards or smart boards; there were only blackboards. Robert didn't have pencils for school; he only had ink pens. Another different thing about school is that teachers were not required to have a college education. Next, Robert wasn't allowed to wear shorts to school. He walked about one mile to get to school sometimes. Also, food was different for Robert. His mother made a meal every night. Robert's favorite meal was meat, potatoes, milk, and vegetables. The most common meals at the Spelman household were spaghetti and meat, potatoes, milk, and vegetables. Robert could buy candy at the candy shop for just one cent! The first time Robert went to a restaurant was when he was 14 years old. In addition, Robert played lots of different types of outdoor games. He played Hide-and-go-Seek with kids in his neighborhood. They used anywhere in the neighborhood as hiding places. They played Kick - the - Can which is similar to Hide-and-go-Seek. Everyone except one person hides and that person is declared Seeker. When the seeker isn't looking, the kids hiding have to run to the can and kick it! Then, they have to run back

to their hiding place. The Seeker can't catch them. They played Cowboys and Indians. There were two groups, Cowboys and Indians. The Cowboys had to chase the Indians until they caught every last Indian. They also played games like jacks and marbles. Lastly, Robert enjoyed listening to the radio. Here were some of his favorite stories: He enjoyed The Bickersons, and The Lone Ranger. That's how life for Robert is different than life for kids today.

A story that Robert will never forget happened 68 years ago, when he was on a U.S. boat making his way to Germany with his mother, two sisters, and his brother, Chuck. They were going to Germany because his father was in the Army. There was a storm, so all of the passengers had to stay in their compartments. Robert was in a compartment with Chuck while his mother and sisters were in a separate compartment with other ladies. Now, Robert was only 12 at the time so he was worried that the boat was going to capsize. With that thought in his head, he became very frightened. Because he was frightened, he decided to go to his mother's compartment. He crept towards his mother's compartment and opened the door slightly. He peered through the crack between the door and the door frame until he spotted his mother. Out of glee he skipped over to her. "YOU CAN'T BE IN HERE!" someone screeched. Robert was frightened, so he ran back to his own compartment. Chuck comforted him and stayed with him. Nine days later they *finally* arrived at Germany! Robert will never forget that!

A historic event that Robert will never forget is the end of World War II in 1945. Which is also known as V.J. day. V.J. day stands for Victory over Japan Day. When Robert was ten years old, he lived close to the sea in Galveston, Texas. Since he lived close to a sea

he was near a seawall. A seawall is a street on the beach high above the water level to protect the people from floods. There was a big celebration that lasted many hours on that seawall! He and his twin sister Ruth watched the celebration for hours. That's how Robert remembers the end of World War II. However, here is some more information gathered through research. First off, the war officially ended May seventh, 1945. It ended because the Germans surrendered in Europe, because General Dwight Eisenhower commanded that they surrender from a battleship. After that, the Germans surrendered! Now you know about the end of World War II.

Even though there are many differences between things today and things 70 years ago, kids remain the same. First off, kids still enjoy playing games. Secondly, kids still like having friends. In addition, sports such as soccer or baseball are still fun for kids. Lastly, kids still get a proper education even though kids have a much better education today because teachers are required to have a college degree. That's how kids are similar, through the many differences in life.

Tribute to Margie Hunt

By: Jillian Nutter

I enjoy playing basketball and reading. Although I do many things, I am good at reading and math. Writing stories is also something I am good at. Because I have a little brother who is involved in many things, I always have something to do and where to go and somewhere to be.

I interviewed my grandma. When I was little, my grandma used to babysit; there was always somebody to play with. She retired two years ago, but I still enjoy going to her house. Interviewing her, I realized that even though kids today have differences with kids 65 years ago, things we do today kids also did years ago. I enjoyed interviewing my grandma and wouldn't mind doing it again.

Today, kids are lucky. Well, they have air conditioning and school is a lot easier. Work is a lot easier too. Kids today have more freedom than they use to. They have more freedom in clothing choices, school, chores, and bullying is not allowed. Communication is a lot easier also. People can just pick up a phone and call somebody, or pick up a TV for entertainment. But, 65 years ago things were a lot different.

Margie Hunt was born on February, 9, 1947 in Morgan County Kentucky. Her family consisted of ten people. Her dad raised tobacco, and the whole family had to help. In school, there were no drugs, fighting, or bad language. But, there was bullying. There were devotions on Wednesday, she learned Bible verses, and God was a big part of her school. For entertainment, she played marbles by drawing a circle, putting their marbles in it, and flicking them with her thumb and forefinger. She also played jump rope and made up songs to go with it. Clothes were different too. In the winter, she would wear pants under her dress to keep her legs warm because she was only allowed to wear dresses. Her family grew all the food. There were pigs for meat, a cow for milk, and fruit trees. There were no TVs, but she would listen to the radio with her brothers, sisters, and neighbors. That was only after all the work was done. This is a part of Margie Hunt's life. She also has very many stories to tell

One of the stories she has told me I have recorded to tell you. One thing she won't forget is that one day her mom and dad left to go to the store and left her and her siblings at home alone. She wanted an apple from the apple tree in her front yard, but she wasn't big enough to climb it. So her older sister Mary Jo got a hoe to get one down and accidentally hit Margie in the head with it. She was bleeding terribly. Her older sister took her inside and took some soot from the chimney, and put it in her head. When her mom came home she barely noticed her. She has also experienced some historic events.

Margie Hunt will never forget the day JFK was assassinated. She was in high school at the time. She saw it on TV. When her mom came to visit her she brought her a plate with his picture on it. She still has that plate today. It happened on November 22, 1963 at 12:30. He was assassinated while riding through Dealey Plaza in downtown Dallas, Texas, by Lee Harvey Oswald. Oswald was arrested not very long after that. JFK was going to run for president, and seemed confident about his re-election. But, sadly he never got to. That is one time in history Margie Hunt will never forget.

Even though things have changed, kids 65 years ago have similarities with kids today. For instance, kids today go to school and do homework. Kids 65 years ago did to. The ways they do it might be different, but the concept is the same. Another thing is, kids like to play and have friends. They play some of the same games to like tag and jump rope. Kids have never liked to be lonely, so they have friends. Also, kids like good food. Kids have always liked sweets, but they have different things they don't like. Whether they were born in the 1940's or 2000's, they will always remain the same.

A TRIBUTE TO DON TERMAN



By: Aubrey Conklin

My name is Aubrey and I'm 11 years old. I was born on March 4, 2003, in Marion, OH. I am currently in 6th grade and in Mrs. Swaney's homeroom. I have a sister named Emily and a brother named Tristan. My mom is Paige and my dad is David. I have two dogs named Remington and Chloe, and I also have a hamster named Panda. The subject I like the best is math because I love numbers. I take pre-pointe and hip-hop at Douce Dance Studios. For softball, I play for the Ohio Hawks '02 and for basketball I play for the Marion Mystics. Two is my favorite number because its even. An after-school activity I do is Jump Rope for Heart (JRFH).

For my English project, I had to interview somebody. I decided to interview my grandpa Don. One night, I got home from school and did my homework. Next, I got my interview out and called him. I talked to him for a couple of minutes about the questions I had asked him, and also talked about his childhood. Our connection is very valuable because we don't see each other a lot since he lives in Columbus, OH. When we do see each other, we play many games such as Guess Who? Monopoly, Checkers, and Charades. His nickname for me is "Stinker". I love my grandpa because he is one-of-a-kind man.

Kids today are very lucky. We have items that kids did not back then. To start with, kids today have electronic technology to help them in school, play games, call, text, Skype, or even Face time on. Most kids back then wore uniforms or a special type of clothing, whereas kids today wear clothes more casual. In school now, bullying is not allowed and will not be tolerated. Back then, there were not as many restaurants as there are today. Kids today have it a lot easier than kids 67 years ago.

Don Terman was born September 18, 1937. "Life was fun back then, but not as easy as it is today," says Don. To start, at Saint Catherine's, he switched from class to class. When Don went to recess, he played many games such as swinging, tag, football, hide and seek, and kickball. After he went to recess, he had lunch. At lunch, Don would have chips, a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, and water. Don spent most of his time at his Grandma and Grandpa's house. At his Grandpa and Grandma's, he played board games like Monopoly and Sorry. Don also played football and baseball in the backyard when his cousins came to Grandma and Grandpa's. In Don's free time, he played at the park. The games and activities he played were the merry-go-round and the teeter-totter. When Don's friends were at the park, they played baseball and football. They played baseball and football awfully rough. On an ordinary day or to school, Don wore a sports shirt or plaid shirt with the option of a tie. He also wore special navy blue jeans or pants with the option of a black belt. Don liked many foods, but a cereal called Wheaties. He also ate many other foods such as warm grilled cheese, super cheesy macaroni, cold pasta, and yummy spaghetti. When Don got home from school, he listened to a cowboy show on the radio called *Tom Nicks*. *Tom Nicks* was about a cowboy who rode his horse

in the desert. The music he liked to listen to was Christian and Pop. He said clothes back then are different from today because they are more expensive and trendy. Don said that from back then to today, it has changed because he has his kids, his wife, and his grandkids.

This is a story that Don will never forget. One cold December morning, ten-year-old Don awoke from rest. "It's Christmas!" he shouted with joy. After Don got out of bed, he went downstairs and got a cinnamon roll that his mother made. Before long, his whole family was in their living room. Don always sat in his favorite spot, on the couch, by the Christmas tree. First, he opened his stocking. He got an apple, an orange, and a boatload of candy. Then Don went to gather his presents from under the Christmas tree. He got a new set of clothes. The clothes were brown dress pants, brown shirt, and a black tie. Then Don got a can with a string on it. When he was done opening his presents his mom said, "Don, go outside because there is one more present for you." So he went outside on the front porch to find a black and blue bike. That is just what he wanted for Christmas! Finally after he got his bike, he thanked his parents and rode it around the local park. This is a memorable story that Don will never forget.

A historic event Don will never forget is the JFK assassination. It was the morning of November 22, 1963; and Don had just awoken from sleep at 3:00am. He went to his kitchen to cook eggs, bacon, and sausage. After Don ate breakfast, he had to go work. When he got home from work at 12:45, he grabbed some potato chips and sat down on the couch. He was watching *The Andy Griffith Show*. Halfway through the show, the 1pm news came on. It said that the 35th president, John F Kennedy had just been assassinated by a sniper at Dealey Plaza. Don was sad and

started to cry. He had stopped eating the potato chips, and just stared at the television screen. Don wondered, "*Who had killed the president?*"

The news lady came on after the commercial and said, "The police have just identified who killed JFK. It was Lee Harvey Oswald. They have taken Oswald into custody and will face the judges next week. Thank you for joining us on the 1pm news." That is a historic story that Don will never forget.

Even though technology has come into our lives, kids from back then to now are still the same. One example is books. Kids back then read books, and we are still reading them to this day. The next example is music. The music kids listened to back then might have been different from today, but it's still music. Now and back then, kids still had friends. The last example is food. Kids today and kids back then still ate food such as chips, bologna, and chicken. This how kids are still the same from back then to now.

A Tribute to Dora Bomar

My name is Matthew Martin, and I am a 12-year-old 6th grader. The sports I play are football and basketball. I enjoy both sports that I play. Also I have a sister named Valentina, she is three years older than I. When I get to spend time with my sister, I enjoy and cherish that time. My favorite subject in school is social studies. The books I like to read are the first Land of Stories, the first Fablehaven, and the Maze Runner. In my free time I like to play on the computer.

My interview experience was pretty good, I thought it was pretty fun I guess. I thought it was going to be better, but it's ok. I got to learn interesting stories and other things from Dora Bomar. I am also happy that I interviewed Dora Bomar. I call her my grandma, but she is not she is my neighbor's Alice's mom. I just call her my grandma. Even though we have our ups and downs, I like spending time with her. Dora Bomar's hometown is Cape Girardeau, Missouri. This is my experience with my interview and my relationship

Things were different now than it was back then. Kids have all of the technology that the kids back then didn't back then. We have computers to look homework on, but back then they had to know it, or they had to ask their parents. Today in school that give you rides on busses, but back then they had to walk, or some people took a wagon because the car was not invented. Sometimes people ride their bike to school if they didn't want to ride the bus or walk. In addition, all the schools are allowing people with different skin colors to go the same school.

Dora Bomar was born on June 16, 1929. The school was only one room. The school was also shaped like a house type. The school taught first through eighth grade. The teacher taught each grade by herself. The eighth grade boys usually

was watching it for about 15 more minutes straight. Then out of nowhere JFK got shot in the right side of his head. Dora and the family were all in shock that John Kennedy died when nobody was expecting it. JFK was assassinated in Dallas, Texas in 1963. Himself and his wife were with a limo driver driving the car. They were driving around main street by the Dealey Plaza at 12:30 pm. This is a historic event that Dora Bomar will never forget.

Although things are different 70 years ago, kids still have some similarities. One similarity is that kids want stuff they don't need they only want it. Another similarity is that kids still get in trouble at school, and face the consequences. Another similarity is that kids still do chores. Finally, kids still have problems doing schoolwork. To conclude, kids don't really change over time.

A Tribute to Paul Lambert!

By: Aubrie Lambert

My name is Aubrie Lambert, and I am 12 years old. I live in Prospect, Ohio with my mom, dad, and my little brother Kyle. I love playing sports, like softball, basketball, and volleyball. Those are some facts about me.

I interviewed my grandpa. He lives in Marion, Ohio and he loves playing sports with my cousins Jacob and Joshua my little brother Kyle and me. That is why my grandpa is the best grandpa ever!



Kids today have it a lot easier than kids 60 years ago. To start off, technology has gotten a lot better, and now people can do just about anything anywhere. Also, kids aren't allowed to bully other kids. Next, teachers can't physically hurt you anymore. But, as you will see, it was different many years ago.

Paul Lambert was born on December 14, 1940. When Paul was a kid boys could only wear jeans, tee shirts, and Converse All-Stars and the girls were only allowed to wear poodle skirts, bobby socks, and Converse All-Stars in school. School for Paul wasn't always the easiest. To begin with, the only classes Paul had were reading, writing, arithmetic, science, and history. Also, the only electives were typewriting (now called computer) and gym/ physical education. In addition, Paul ate lunch at local restaurants. After school he usually played games with friends. Like baseball, football, and basketball. They would use different things for different sports. For football they used two-hand tap, for baseball they used wood bases, and for basketball teams they used shirts and skins. After playing games all afternoon Paul would go home and eat. Paul and his family would usually eat meat and potatoes, but on Sundays they had fried chicken. Paul's favorite foods were cubed steak, mashed potatoes, and gravy. After dinner Paul would have about an hour for entertainment. Where he could listen to music or watch TV. Then, he would go off to bed, and that is the day for Paul Lambert.

And then he heard the ambulance sirens go off. Oh wait, wait, wait, we need to start from the beginning. It was a hot summer day, and Paul and his brother were out of school for summer break. They were playing around when they found a rope. So, they went to their favorite tree, which was beside a cliff, and tied the rope to the tree. So, all afternoon they swung over the cliff. What Paul and his brother didn't realize is the rope

wasn't as strong as Paul had thought, and the next time his brother swung on it the rope broke! His brother flew down the cliff. Paul hurried and found help, and then he heard the ambulance sirens go off. They rushed his brother to the hospital where they diagnosed him with a broken arm. So, it looks like the rope isn't the only thing that got broke.

A historic event that Paul will never forget is 911. Paul remembers exactly what he was doing. Paul was at home like usual. He and his wife, Jacque, were watching Good Morning America when they first heard about it. Paul said it was scary. (He thought they were coming for him next) He didn't know anybody involved, but it made a little impact on his life because of how scary it was. Some other information I found out about 911 is there were 4 planes. 2 hit the twin towers, and 1 hit the pentagon. The last one is the one that everyone fought back and they won, it still crashed in an open field. It was a scary time for all but it is good thing there were only 4 planes.

Kids are changing constantly year by year, new technology, styles, and games. One BIG thing kids today and kids 60 years ago share is we both played sports. Another similarity is they both enjoy playing with friends. The last thing both generations share is they both had to go to school. Even though kids change doesn't mean they change completely.

A Tribute to Tim McGuire

Sydney James

My name is Sydney James, and I am twelve years old. I enjoy playing sports with my friends. Some activities I am involved in are softball, basketball, and 4-H. My favorite color is blue. In school my favorite subject is math.

I interviewed my grandpa Tim McGuire. We just got back from riding our bikes when we started the interview. I interviewed my grandpa in my living room. We talked for a long time about the questions to get a lot of details. My grandpa does a lot of things for me. That is why I interviewed my grandpa.

Kids today have it a lot easier than kids did sixty years ago. One thing is that we have more technology now, which makes finding information a lot easier. Another thing is that today kids stay inside and play video games, but back then kids played outside with other kids. Also, clothing was different from today. Today we have more freedom on what we can wear to school. In addition to school the lunches are a lot more money today than back then. Back then lunches were only twenty-five cents. But, many years ago things were a lot different.

Tim McGuire was born December 13th, 1953 in Marion, Ohio. Back then life was a lot simpler. For entertainment, Tim McGuire either played outside or watched *Flippo The Clown*. He played a lot of games outside with the neighborhood kids. They played football, baseball, war, kick the can, and hide-and-seek throughout the whole neighborhood. When it came to clothes, kids mainly had three sets. They had play clothes, school clothes, and church clothes. When they went to school, boys were only allowed to wear dress pants and buttoned shirts. They were not allowed to wear jeans. Girls were only allowed to wear skirts, dresses, and blouses even when it was cold. If it was really cold out they could wear leggings. The kids could only wear tennis shoes for gym. During the school day, they had to wear dress shoes. A usual breakfast would be bread and peanut butter. Then, for lunch, he would have a sandwich and milk. Tim's favorite dinner was fried chicken and mashed potatoes. His family never really went to restaurants, but when he did he went to McDonald's or a restaurant in Marion called L and K. That is a little history on Tim McGuire.

A story that Tim McGuire will never forget happened in the summer of 1960. It was the most exciting baseball game that Tim had ever seen. When he was in second grade Tim went to a Reds game .It was 105 degrees on a sunny summer day. Tim drove to Cincinnati with his grandma to watch the Reds vs. the L.A Dodgers game because she loved watching the Reds play. When they got to Cincinnati and they went to their seats, they were right in front of first base. The game was pretty even throughout the game. There were a lot of singles. The pitcher for The L.A Dodgers was Sandy Koufax and he was a very good left-handed pitcher. Sandy struck a lot of batters out. Then it was the 9th inning, and the Reds were down by three runs. The Reds were up to bat and The L.A Dodgers walked three batters on purpose to get the force-outs. The bases were loaded. Next up to bat was Frank Robinson. Frank stepped into the batter's box, the pitch came in, and he hit a grand slam out of the park homerun. That game was the best baseball game Tim had ever seen. Still today, the Reds list that play the most exciting play in history. That's a story that Tim McGuire will never forget.

A historical event Tim McGuire will never forget is the John F. Kennedy assassination. When Tim first heard about the assassination, he was walking back to school from religious education. It was held at a local church a few blocks away from school. At first Tim didn't believe that the president was really assassinated. Then when Tim was at school the loud speakers came on, and the principal of the school said that the president was dead. The whole school was sent home early and didn't go back until John F Kennedy's funeral was over. The story of the murder and the funeral was on T.V all the time. Tim said, "I knew it

was real but it seemed so unreal." A couple days later the government found the killer. It was Lee Harvey Oswald. That is a historical event that Tim McGuire will never forget. The president John F Kennedy was the 35th president. John F Kennedy was assassinated November 22, 1963 around 12:30. John was with his wife driving to Dealey Plaza in Dallas, Texas. When they were about to the Plaza, when Kennedy was shot by a sniper. The president got rushed to the Parkland Hospital and around 1:00 he was pronounced dead. The killer, Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone and killed the president. Then, Jack Ruby killed Harvey Oswald and was arrested. That is what happened when John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

Kids today and back then still have many similarities between each other. One thing that is similar back then and today is that kid still play outside and have fun. Also, kids have been reading the same books that kids were reading sixty years ago. In school today, kids have homework. Back then they also, had homework. There are a few examples of some similarities between today and back then.

A Tribute to Pat Haas

By Rylee Haas

Hello my name is Rylee Haas. I'm eleven years old and I am in 6th grade. I enjoy many different things. My iPod is one of my favorite things. I watch Netflix movies and play games on it. I also like to play my Xbox 360 because I can play games with my friends who also have an Xbox 360. Baseball and basketball are the two sports I enjoy. I have three dogs I play with, and help take care of at home. Two cocker spaniels, Scotch and Ginger. I also have a black lab named Rose.

I interviewed my grandmother, Pat Haas for my project called Bud not Buddy interview. My grandmother lives in Florida. I don't get to see her very often and don't know much about her. I see her once a year for a couple of hours when she comes from Florida to visit. Last year when she was in Ohio for a visit, she gave my sister and I an oven that you can cook things we make out of clay. Living in Florida I had to interview my grandmother over the phone. Pat Haas was born in Fredericktown, went to Fredericktown High School, met my grandfather Richard Haas whom she married and moved to Mt Vernon, Ohio. They later moved to Mansfield Ohio where my grandfather worked at GM and they had three kids. Julie Haas my aunt, who lives in North Carolina, my uncle, Richard Haas that lives in Mansfield, and my dad Randy Haas.

I asked my grandmother what it was like when she was a kid, and what she did for fun. She told me how she didn't have TV or computers to watch or play games on. They didn't even exist at all until she was a teen age. She said she would ride her bike to a friend's house to play card games or board games while they listened to 33 and 1/3 records of their favorite singers. She said there was no movie theater in town to watch movies either.

Pat Haas enjoyed school. She was involved in Brownies, and then Girl Scouts. She also joined the band and learned how to play the drums. She played the drums in the marching band, concert band, and jazz band. She said she like marching band the best because of the competitions with other schools that were her rivals. When she was in the Jazz band she was able to play for some of the other schools dances in the area.

As well as playing the drums she liked to play lots of games with her friends. When it wasn't raining outside she would hope on her bike and ride to her girl friends house. Together they played games like monopoly, canasta, checkers, and sorry. Sometimes several of them would meet at one house and all play together. She liked playing board games a lot.

My grandmother told me that when she was younger the girls did not wear slacks or shorts to school. They all had to wear dresses or skirts and sweaters. If they were makeup it was very little. They used to wear full skirts so they could wear 2 or 3 crinolines under the skirt that made it stand out away from their legs. Pat said they would wear belts around their waists to make them as small as possible. They thought this made them look better to have a small waist and big skirt.

Even though my grandmother wanted to have a very small waist she loved her mother's cooking. She said her mother was an amazing cook and baker. She would make great meals for dinner for the whole family. One of her favorites was fried chicken with real mashed potatoes and gravy. Her mother also had freshly baked roles or bread, and pie or cake for dessert. They hardly ever went out to eat like we do now. Living in a really small town there were only two restaurants in it.

One of the things my grandmother liked to do was play with her friends. They often liked to ride their bikes together all over the town, but always had to be home before dark. There was one store in town she liked to visit called Isley's. Her and her friends would ride their bikes to Isleys and have a milkshake or sundae. That was always a great treat. There were also times that her and her friends would pack a lunch and ride their bikes all over the countryside exploring. Most of the entertainment in her day was games or outside exploring on bikes.

When they weren't riding bikes or playing games because they were in school, they still liked to explore. One time while she was in high school at Fredericktown, Pat and her friends skipped going to study hall and went into the school attic. She said they had a blast, laughing and looking at old pictures and memorabilia they found. They didn't take anything, but just looked. Some of the pictures were of old students that had gone to the school. They laughed at what they wore and their hairstyles.

The most historic event my grandmother could remember was when she was just out of high school. She was working at a local hospital when it was announced that President Kennedy had been shot and died. She said everyone loved President Kennedy and his family a lot and had watched him on TV when he was on. She said she remembers being shocked when she heard the news. Everyone was sad for several days while watching everything about the event on TV. She especially remembered his baby son salute when his father's casket went by being pulled by horses. The hospital where she worked was run by the Sisters of Charity. They were Catholic nuns. My grandmother worked for the hospital administrator's secretary and she was the one that had to run and tell the administrator, Sister Mary Francis the horrible news. She said it was the saddest day she can remember for everyone.

Even though so many things have changed from years ago to today, a lot has stayed the same. I, like my grandmother Pat Haas, like to play games and get together with my friends. The games may be a lot different, but even some of those are the same as they have been for many years. My grandma had to go to school, do homework, get together with friends to play with.

A Tribute to Marjory Grigsby

By Sydney Roark

Kids today have it way easier than kids did 82 years ago. Kids today have iPhones if we are bored and other things like iPods or I pads. Clothing today is supposed to look worn, but out and years ago it was embarrassing to have worn out clothes. It was nice to have up-to-date clothes. Schools were more strict then because teachers got to smack you and didn't have as much knowledge or training. Things were a lot cheaper also like gas and food and other things that people needed to survive.

I interviewed my great grandmother Marjory Grigsby. She was born in 1932. She is 82 and still looking good! She told me about her school days, and they were very interesting. She also told me about the types of clothes she had to wear. Girls had to wear a classy shirt with a skirt or dress with dress shoes. Boys had to wear dress pants and shoes and a button up shirt. They pretty much had to wear a uniform.

One story Marjory will never forget is the day she met the person she is still with today. His name is Dick Grigsby. One day when she was walking to school, she stopped by the outhouse before she went to class. When she got out, she bumped into someone and dropped all of her books on the ground. She could tell it was a guy because he wasn't wearing a skirt. She looked up at him while he was helping her pick up her books, and said she fell instantly in love with a blink of the eye. They grew up together, got married, and had three children. Donald, Pamela, and Timmy. She loved having a family and being a mother.

Marjory Grigsby told me of what she knew about The Vietnam War. She said, "The Vietnam War was the prolonged struggle between nationalist forces attempting to unify the country of Vietnam under a communist government and the United States attempting to prevent the spread of communism. The way she found out that this was going on was a pretty weird story

like this. She was at school and when they ate lunch they were able to walk around and talk to friends outside. She said her friend Angie was talking in this big crowd of girls saying her dad was in the war and Marjory asked her, "What war?" Angie started to explain to her that there was a war going on and her dad was in it. She worried that her dad might have gotten killed, and almost started crying. When the war was over her dad never returned. That was how Marjory Grigsby found out that the war was going on. The Vietnam War started in 1955. The Vietnam War is the commonly used name for the second Indochina war in 1954 through 1973. The Vietnam War was the longest war in U.S history until the war in Afghanistan that began in 2002 and continued in 2013. The U.S suffered over 47,000 killed in action plus another 11,000 noncombat deaths; over 150,000 were wounded and 10,000 missing. It was a great honor to be accepted into the Vietnam War. You were able to fight for your country, and that is why we are here today doing what we are doing.

Although things were different 80 years ago, kids still have some hobbies that are alike. When Marjory Grigsby was little she liked to Hula Hoop, play with Barbie Dolls, take naps, and run around the playground with friends. She didn't have the stuff we have now, like iPhones, iPods, and pads. She loved to hang out with her dad and read about sports in the newspaper. Her friends always ask if she was able to hang out after school, but she was so dedicated in spending time with her family that she skipped a day with her friends. She was that caring and loving for her family.